Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claims 11, 12 and 17-20 wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough and double brackets indicate deletions. Please add new claims 21-23 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle; and

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the protruding wall is formed into a cylindrical shape and surrounds the sealing member, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, [[and]] wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween and the holding wall and the terminal wall extend parallel to each other such that they face each other in the axial direction.

12. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle; and

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the protruding wall is formed into a cylindrical shape and surrounds the sealing member, at least one of the terminal wall, the holding wall, and a portion of the holding wall opposed to the protruding wall is provided with an engagement protrusion biting into the sealing member, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, [[and]] wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween and the holding wall and the terminal wall extend parallel to each other such that they face each other in the axial direction.

13 - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover with first and second opposed open ends fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin;

wherein the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

18. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover with first and second opposed open ends fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

19. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover with first and second opposed open ends fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, at least one of the terminal wall, the holding wall, and a portion of the holding wall opposed to the protruding wall is provided with an engagement protrusion biting into the sealing member, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

20. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover with first and second opposed open ends fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin;

wherein the holding wall is disposed at a position where the distal end face of the nozzle is butted against the holding wall, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

21. (New) The nozzle cap according to claim 11, further comprising:

a seal-fitting portion protruding from the terminal wall on the inner side of the protruding wall,

wherein the sealing member is adhered closely to both of the protruding wall and seal-fitting portion.

22. (New) The nozzle cap according to claim 11, wherein the holding wall is butted against the distal end of the nozzle so as to be prevented from being deformed in such a direction that the holding wall departs from the terminal wall.

23. (New) The nozzle cap according to claim 11, further comprising:

a cylindrical member protruding from the terminal wall on the outer side of the protruding wall wherein the sealing member is adhered closely to both the protruding wall and the cylindrical wall.